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I respectfully invite you to call and inspect my stock and prices, assuring you of

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Very truly yours,

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

PERSONAL POINTERS PITILY PRINTED.

Various Items Gleaned From This and Other Fields—What Our People Are Doing.

Arcadia is discussing a scandal. Next week will be Holy Week.

The spring time has come, gentle Anne.

Oyster roasts are not so frequent now the weather is getting warm.

Easter is one week from the coming Sunday.

The air is laden with the delicious fragrance of orange blossoms.

The finest of food fish, the pompano, is getting plentiful in this market.

Rev. Smith Hardin, of Lakeland, delighted his friends here with a visit last Saturday.

Punta Gorda merchants have got in their spring and summer stocks and are selling goods cheap.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lowe, Saturday evening, March 15, an 8-pound son.

Miss Leacy Carr, a Fort Ogden belle, spent last week in Kissimmee visiting Miss Emma Morgan.

Sheriff Fielder visited this city about three times last week, his last visit being on Saturday.

All old bachelors and everybody else ought to read the story of "Jolly Uncle Josh" on the first page of this paper.

Gen. Gilechrist has been out again in the past week going up and down in the State discussing big land deals.

Judge Wall is holding circuit court at Bartow, Col. Spence and Trabue went there Wednesday on legal business.

The President on Monday nominated Joshua Miskell, the present incumbent, to be postmaster at Punta Gorda.

A missionary rally with a very entertaining program will be held in the Baptist church on the coming Sunday night. Everybody invited.

Monday was St. Patrick's Day and Capt. Watts celebrated it by hoisting our national flag over his building on Cross street.

Young ladies desiring to make some money with which to go off to school may write at once to Littleton Female College, Littleton, N. C. 10-3.

Mrs. A. Taylor Foss, a charming lady from Charleston, S. C., spent the past week here visiting her cousin, Col. Isaac H. Trabue. She was on her return from a pleasant visit to Havana.

Mr. J. H. Swift has been busily engaged during the week installing the acetylene gas plant for the bank and the Earnest Dry Goods Co., and the prospects are that the new lights will be in use by the time this is read.

Look on the second page today for McLane and Oliver's interesting weekly announcement. They continue to offer bargains and no one should fail to keep posted about them.

There will be services in the Episcopal church on Easter Day, which is one week from next Sunday, but there will be no services in that church on the first Sunday in April.

The schooner Silver Spray sailed Saturday with several passengers and a good cargo for Key West. Amongst the passengers was Ford Adams, who had been working on the rock breakwater of the Consolidated Ice and Fish Freezing Co.

It may not be amiss to explain that the "Uncle Josh" story in this paper is the private enterprise and personal property, as it were, of the author, Mr. Guthrie, who is responsible for any exclusive features that may appear in it.

Mrs. W. H. Towles was reported as being seriously ill at her home in Fort Myers on Tuesday, but her many friends here will rejoice to know that she is now considered out of danger and on the road to a speedy recovery.

The Earnest Dry Goods house was packed with people the past two nights, who came to hear the first public performance of the Punta Gorda Brass Band. The young musicians acquitted themselves splendidly. They will play next week on a steamer excursion to Boca Grande.

That excellent paper, the Lakeland News, flatters this scribe with the following notice: "A. P. Jordan, the well known journalist and editor of the PUNTA GORDA HERALD, passed through the city this week en-route to Tampa. Editor Jordan is one of the most popular newspaper men in Florida as well as one of the brightest."

Mrs. C. G. Johanson, of Englewood, passed through here Wednesday on her way to Arcadia to visit her widowed daughter, Mrs. Thos. J. Pepper.

"Suburban Notes" are regretfully deferred until next week, because all the spare type in this office is taken up by the story on the first page.

The Baptist ladies realized quite a neat sum from cake and ice cream served in the Gould building Wednesday. Our ladies always make a success of everything they undertake.

Freeman continues to try to make it pleasant for a fellow to be buried. He has just received an elegant new hearse in which a man may ride comfortably and stylishly to his grave. But this is a grave subject and should not be treated lightly.

Light showers of rain Monday were followed by a decided fall in the temperature Tuesday morning, when it became cool enough to make fires comfortable. This was a light breath from the great blizzard which began in the Dakotas last Friday and buried several states in snow.

Messrs. Geo. T. Brown & Co.'s, sharpies, "Wallace," Capt. Piner, and "Taylor," Capt. Willis, left Miami Monday for Punta Gorda. The mackerel season has ended and the boats are coming home to resume work in the fishing business here. The pompano season here has begun.

By one of those oversights common to all callings, the fact that Senator Martin, of Nebraska, who is visiting his father-in-law, Col. Pepper, is accompanied by his wife, was not mentioned in last week's paper. Mrs. Martin's many friends here are delighted to have her amongst them.

In the contested election case of Sandlin vs. Southerland, the supreme court this week denied the application of Southerland for a rehearing and ordered a mandamus to issue to the circuit court of DeSoto county. Sandlin has given bond, which has been accepted by the county commissioners, and will enter upon the duties of county tax collector as soon as he receives his commission from Tallahassee.

Sheriff Tippin, of Lee county, brought two men here, Sunday night, and stored them subject to orders in Marshal Bowman's municipal bastille. One was a white man named Walker, charged with cow stealing in Manatee county. The other was a negro named Mack Lundy, who was wanted in Meadville, Ga., for the murder of another negro. Each has gone to his proper destination.

Mr. S. D. Hoffman, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, who has been here for several weeks, left Saturday on the schooner Silver Spray for Key West. He will take steamer thence to Havana and return by the way of Miami on his homeward trip, meeting his brother, J. C. Hoffman, who came South with him, at Asheville, N. C. Mr. Hoffman is a very agreeable young man and made a number of friends here during his stay who will be pleased to meet him again.

Wood 1 Wood 1—Big supply thoroughly seasoned stove wood, N. N. Wakefield's.

At least one large taxpayer of Punta Gorda has expressed his willingness to be taxed for the purpose of securing a reliable supply of clean drinking water. Any citizen that has not been cleaned out in the past six months has at least one inch of mud at its bottom, to say nothing of wigglers, roaches, and possibly a dead rat or cat. The council should by all means give us an artesian well, or several of them.

The Ft. Ogden correspondent of the Times Union and Citizen writes: A road thirty feet wide from Punta Gorda is well under way. The road is complete from Punta Gorda to Ft. Ogden and from here to Nocotee it is on an air line, not varying more than one hundred yards. E. Barnhill says that he can build more road with the machine in a day than with one hundred men. When the roads are complete DeSoto county will have good ones.

Rooms for rent—three good ones Apply to N. N. Wakefield. 3-11

Mr. C. E. Jackson, after a pleasant visit of several weeks looking after his valuable property interests here, returned this week to his home in Huntsville, Ala. He expresses himself as well pleased with his investments here and with Punta Gorda in general and he will hereafter spend a portion of every winter with us. At one time he thought of selling his property, but he has concluded that it will pay to keep it, especially as it will afford him an additional excuse besides the charming climate for returning every winter.

Silas Powell & Son have opened a shoe shop in the embrasure between Blount's and the postoffice and will do good work at reasonable prices. 10-11

The millinery openings by our two big dry goods stores on Tuesday, Wednesday and yesterday brought out the ladies in full force. The stores were beautifully decorated, especially the front display windows which were veritable bowers of loveliness, while the millinery parlors were resplendent with fashion's brightest colors and latest designs in hats and trimmings of all descriptions. The tasteful arrangement and artistic display of goods in show windows and parlors reflected great credit upon the ladies who did the work and elicited countless merited compliments. In fact, the displays made were worthy of a metropolitan city and attracted the substantial appreciation and patronage of crowds of ladies. The Punta Gorda brass band contributed delightful music to the closing hours of the openings.

Call on N. N. Wakefield for your hay and grain. 5-11

THE PUNTA GORDA CLOSING.

Hotel Punta Gorda closed for the season last Saturday. It is considered rather an early date for closing, but the management of course knows what is best. For some reason surely not the fault of the management, the hotel has not had as large a patronage this season as it should have had, and this in a measure may account for the early closing.

It is sincerely hoped that next season this region will have a fair share of the tourists. If properly advertised, it will have, for unquestionably the attractions are here.

Manager Van Riper and Clerk J. Milton Southard went down this week for a few days recreation on the islands below, after which they will visit the East Coast resorts and attend a convention of hotel men to be held in Jacksonville about April 14. Thence they will go to the Charleston exposition and from there north.

Mr. Van Riper will open the Long Beach Hotel on Long Island sound June 15. Mrs. Van Riper and bright little daughter left Tuesday for their home in Freeport, N. Y. They were accompanied by Clerk A. Combe.

Some of the hotel help went to Tampa, some to Jacksonville and the rest to New York. They will all be with Mr. Van Riper during the summer at Long Beach.

Mr. Van Riper on leaving asked THE HERALD to extend his thanks to the people of Punta Gorda for the numerous courtesies and general kind treatment given him. He and his interesting family are very popular here and will be cordially welcomed back next season.

AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Services at the Episcopal church during Holy Week, as follows: March 26—Wednesday, holy communion, 7:00 a. m. Evening, prayer and address, 8:00 p. m.

March 27—Thursday, holy communion and address, 10 a. m.

Good Friday—Morning prayer, 9; litany and penitential service, 1:30; evening prayer, 8:30, with an address at each service.

Easter Sunday—Early communion, 7; holy communion and services, 11; offering for missions; Sunday school, 3 p. m.; evening service, 7:30.

Rev. T. J. FURBER, Rector.

Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by this gorgeous sun of Florida. The feather-sandaled breezes dance along the rippling blue waters of the bay, the orange and palm tree wave their emerald splendor against the liquid azure sky, the mocking bird trills his melodies through the languorous air, the perfume of roses and orange blossoms mingles with the balsamic odor of the pines, while ever present is the entrancing picture of the palatial steamer moving like a thing of life and the many snowy sails outlined against the distant deep blue horizon, a living, noble panorama upon a scintillating, undulating stage of amethystine waters. The man who doesn't enjoy life here amid these attractions is fit for treason, stratagems and spoils—or, he's sick.

TEACHERS' TRAINING SCHOOL.

Prof. T. B. Hartig wishes THE HERALD to state that he has now at Brownville a teachers' class preparing for the June examination, consisting of about fifteen young ladies and gentlemen. Nearly one-half of these are experienced teachers. This class will be continued until June 1st, and the opportunity is here offered to any teachers or other advanced students who wish to enter the school and make preparation for the teachers' examination. Tuition for the unexpired term will be charged for at the rate of \$2.00 per month. Board in good families will cost but \$2.00 per week. Applicants for teachers' certificates are cordially invited to attend this school. 11-21

F. G. Arnold, Arcadia's wide-awake photographer, will be here soon. Save all your work for him, and also save money for yourselves. 9

A Paying Education.

A thorough business or shorthand education is a paying one, especially from a high grade college. Such an institution is the Tampa Business College of Tampa Florida, which has been established since 1890. It holds the highest premiums from the Florida State Fair and employs the very best instructors. A training at this college is paying, because its President secures employment for its graduates. If you want to know more of this excellent Business Institution write for a free catalog. Address your card or letter to Tampa Business College, Tampa, Fla.

A horrifying tale was circulated here Saturday. It was to the effect that a 10-year old boy of the Torrea (Spanish) family on Lacosta Island had fallen overboard the day before and had quickly been gobbled up by a shark. THE HERALD immediately made prompt investigation and received information from the boy's mother direct that no such tragedy had occurred. A neighboring boy, son of the ocean navigator Hansen, is charged with originating the hoax.

A DWELLING AT A BARGAIN.

The big improvements being made in the western part of town will enhance property there. Accordingly, for a safe investment consider this: A nice, substantial, new dwelling with ten rooms, 2-acre lot, good eastern, artesian well of sulphur water, chicken house, etc., a block south of the big ice factory, may be bought for \$1100 cash—or \$500 down and \$600 a year for three years. Now renting for 10 per cent on \$1600. Apply to THE HERALD. 11-11

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Dress Goods,
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Everything in the Grocery line, including Fresh Meats, of all kinds, Fruits, Vegetables Eggs, and Chickens. Rock bottom prices throughout. Prompt Free Delivery.

Seward's.

Whole wheat and Graham flour at SEWARD'S. Before painting or re-painting your house get Seward's prices on paints, oils and Atlantic lead. New stock of ready mixed paints received this week.

Seward's hardware department may not be the most complete in the United States, but when it comes to prices, he'll startle creation. Ship chandlery, building material, tools, implements, etc., at honest prices.

Seward will positively save you 25 to 50 per cent on footwear. This is what scores of new customers tell us, and they speak the truth. Honest goods at live and let live prices is our motto. A new stock of good, durable shoes just opened.

Go to Seward's for fresh, first-class groceries at the lowest possible prices.

Remember, that R. K. Seward is agent for both Mapes's and Wilson & Loomis's fertilizers—best manufactured.

Seward's gents' furnishing department is recognized by all thinking people as a money-saving annex. Here you get regular 50-cent articles for a quarter.

Seward will supply you with anything from a needle to a brick house, at the lowest prices. Remember this.

Seward's.

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In getting the BEST goods at the LOWEST prices. That is what we are doing—getting the best of everything at lowest cost and giving

Our Customers the Benefit of the LOW PRICES we get ourselves. Accordingly when in need of Dry Goods, and Groceries, Shoes, Hats, Gents' Furnishings, or anything else in the nature of FAMILY, FARM or BOAT SUPPLIES, you will find it to your interest to call on

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